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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION - BRAZILIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

A LARGE NUMBER OF BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE GENERALS DEALING WITH CIVIL AVIATION ATTENDED LUNCHEON OFFERED AT CONGEN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28. IN HONOR OF VISITING FAA OFFICIAL PHILLIP SWATEK. DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCHEON, SEVERAL BRIEF COMMENTARIES WERE MADE BY THE BRAZILIAN OFFICERS. BRIGADEIRO DEOCLECIO LIMA DE SIQUEIRA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (DAC), ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE U.S.-BRAZIL BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. HE NOTED THAT GOB IS QUITE CONTENT WITH THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT NO ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO AMEND OR REVOKE THE BILATERAL. BRIGADEIRO SIQUEIRA PRAISED THE AGREEMENT AS ONE OF THE BEST, IF NOT THE BEST, WHICH BRAZIL HAS SIGNED. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION MUST BE UPDATED IN ORDER TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PRESENT CONDITIONS, WHICH DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THOSE PREVAILING WHEN CHICAGO CONVENTION WAS RATIFIED. HE ANTICIPATED THAT ICAO WOULD CONVENE A MEETING WITHIN TWO YEARS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE CHICAGO

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CONVENTION. HE URGED THAT INTERESTED U.S. AND BRAZILIAN

OFFICIALS MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

COMMENT: IN THE PAST, BRIGADEIRO CALDAS SANTOS, WHO IS CHARGED PRINCIPALLY WITH INTERPRETING AND IMPLEMENTING BRAZIL'S CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF CERNAI, HAS SPOKEN FAVORABLY OF US-BRAZIL BILATERAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL SECOND ECHELON OFFICERS AT DAC HAVE MADE CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. BRIGADEIRO SIQUEIRA'S LUNCHEON STATEMENT PRAISING THE BILATERAL IN EFFECT REVERSES HIS SUBORDINATES EARLIER COMMENTS, AND PUTS DAC ON RECORD AS BEING WELL PLEASED WITH THE AGREEMENT. HIS PRAISE OF THE BILATERAL SHOULD, NEVERTHELESS, BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF HIS PLEA THAT PRINCIPLES OF CHICAGO CONVENTION ARE OUTDATED AND SHOULD BE AMDENDED.
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